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### 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, after receiving testimony from Ben Moscovitch, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and Mary R. Grealy, Healthcare Leadership Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Lucia C. Savage, Omada Health, Inc., San Francisco, California; and Christopher Rehm, LifePoint Health, Brentwood, Tennessee.

### RED FLAG LAWS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine red flag laws, focusing on guidelines for state action, after receiving testimony from Ron Honberg, National Alliance on Mental Illness,

Arlington, Virginia; Amanda Wilcox, Brady California, Penn Valley; Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff, West Palm Beach, Florida; Kimberly Wyatt, King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Seattle, Washington; and David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado.

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on VeteransH' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 and advanced appropriations requests for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Richard A. Stone, Veterans Health Administration, and Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 1868–1893; 1 private bill, H.R. 1894; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 26; and H. Res. 255–256, were introduced. **Pages H2826–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2828–29**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 245, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress (H. Rept. 116–20). **Page H2826**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Peters to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2799**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2802**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tony Lee, Community of Hope A.M.E. Church, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. **Page H2802**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2019:** H.R. 1388, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton

Rancheria of California, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 128; and

**Pages H2812–13, H2815–16**

**Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2019:** H.R. 297, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 129.

**Pages H2813–14, H2816–17**

**Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019—Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 127 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H2806–12, H2814–15**

Subsequently, the veto message (H. Doc. 116–22) and the joint resolution were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Authorizing the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 252, to authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army. **Pages H2817–18**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–23). **Page H2822**

**Senate Referral:** S. 863 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H2824**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2812.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2814–15, H2815–16, and H2816–17. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from France A. Córdova, Director, National Science Foundation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Rick Perry, Secretary, Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Russ Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Scott J. Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and Denise Flanagan, Director, Office of Budget, Department of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS—RESERVE COMPONENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Reserve Components. Testimony was heard from Major General Bradley James, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Reserve; General Joseph Lengyel, Chief, U.S. National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Charles Luckey, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; Vice Admiral Luke McCollum, Chief, U.S. Navy Reserve; and Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee, Chief, U.S. Air Force Reserve.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Espaillat, Jackson Lee, Malinowski, Rose of New York, Van Drew, Visclosky, and Watkins.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives Brooks of Alabama, Haaland, Jackson Lee, Jeffries, Posey, and Visclosky.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND BRAC OVERVIEW

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Military Installations and BRAC Overview. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General John J. Allen, Air Force Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Gwen Bingham, Assistant Chief for Installations

Management, U.S. Army; Major General Vincent A. Coglianese, Marine Corps Installations Command/Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), U.S. Marine Corps; Robert McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics, U.S. Navy.

#### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Thompson of Pennsylvania, Dunn, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, and Jackson Lee.

#### U.S. INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from General Robert Abrams, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command; and Admiral Phil Davidson, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. This hearing was closed.

#### THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting Secretary of Defense, Department of the Defense; and General Joseph F. Dunford, U.S. Marine Corps, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Vice Admiral William R. Merz, U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (N9); and Lieutenant General David H. Berger, U.S. Marine Corps, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY 2020 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Health and Human Services FY 2020 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Eric D. Hargan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### PROTECTING WORKERS’ RIGHT TO ORGANIZE: THE NEED FOR LABOR LAW REFORM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Protecting Workers’ Right to Organize: The Need for Labor Law Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### STRENGTHENING PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect”. Testimony was heard from Judy King, Director, Family Support Programs, Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 1644, the “Save the Internet Act of 2019”. H.R. 1644 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANES HARVEY, IRMA, AND MARIA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Administration of Disaster Recovery Funds in the Wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria”. Testimony was heard from Fernando Gil Enseñat, Secretary of Housing, Puerto Rico; Jeremy Kirkland, Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Daphne Lemelle, Executive Director, Harris County Community Services Department, Texas; and a public witness.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 389, the “Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act”; H.R. 1500, the “Consumers First Act”; H.R. 1595, the “Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 1815, the “SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act”; and H.R. 1856, the “Ending Homelessness Act of 2019”.

**UNDERSTANDING ODEBRECHT: LESSONS FOR COMBATING CORRUPTION IN THE AMERICAS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Understanding Odebrecht: Lessons for Combating Corruption in the Americas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PROPOSED SMALL ARMS TRANSFERS: BIG IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Proposed Small Arms Transfers: Big Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy”. Testimony was heard from Representative Torres of California, and public witnesses.

**LOOKING FORWARD: U.S.-AFRICA RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Looking Forward: U.S.-Africa Relations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE HISTORIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE WITH EUROPE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “The Historic American Alliance with Europe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Family Separation Policy: Perspectives from the Border”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 243, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Acting Director Andrew McCabe. H. Res. 243 was ordered reported, as amended.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R.

1326, the “ACCESS Act”; H.R. 877, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”; H.R. 1809, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes; H.R. 737, the “Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019”; H.R. 1305, the “Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act”; H.R. 1380, the “Big Cat Public Safety Act”; and H.R. 1568, the “SAVE Right Whales Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sablan, Thompson of California, and Austin Scott of Georgia; and public witnesses.

**THE NEED TO PROTECT THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COASTAL PLAIN**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Need to Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 745, the “Executive Branch Comprehensive Ethics Enforcement Act”; H.R. 964, the “Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act”; H.R. 1076, the “Fair Chance Act”; H.R. 1496, the “Presidential Allowance Modernization Act”; H.R. 1847, the “Inspector General Protection Act”; H.R. 540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the “Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office”; H.R. 1198, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the “Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 1449, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the “Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office”; S. 725, a bill to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan; H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the “Congressman Bill Carney Post Office”; and H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the “Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building”. H.R. 745, H.R. 964, H.R. 1076, H.R. 1496, and H.R. 1847 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 540, H.R. 1198, H.R. 1449, S.

725, H.R. 828 and H.R. 829 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### IMPROVING DATA SECURITY AT CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Improving Data Security at Consumer Reporting Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Michael Clements, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Andrew Smith Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

### REVITALIZING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Revitalizing American Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from Mike Molnar, Director of the Office of Advanced Manufacturing, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Valri Lightner, Acting Director, Advanced Manufacturing Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF? IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS RUNWAY EXTENSION ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “Cleared for Take-off? Implementation of the Small Business Runway Extension Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE COST OF DOING NOTHING: WHY INVESTMENT IN OUR NATION’S AIRPORTS MATTERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Why Investment in our Nation’s Airports Matters”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRADE AND LABOR: CREATING AND ENFORCING RULES TO BENEFIT AMERICAN WORKERS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Trade and Labor: Creating and Enforcing Rules to Benefit American Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Army, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, 3 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space operations, policy, and programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Chairman’s housing reform outline, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine our blue economy, focusing on successes and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine the state of airline safety, focusing on Federal oversight of commercial aviation, 3 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the Colorado River drought contingency plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Keith Krach, of California, to be an Under Secretary (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and United